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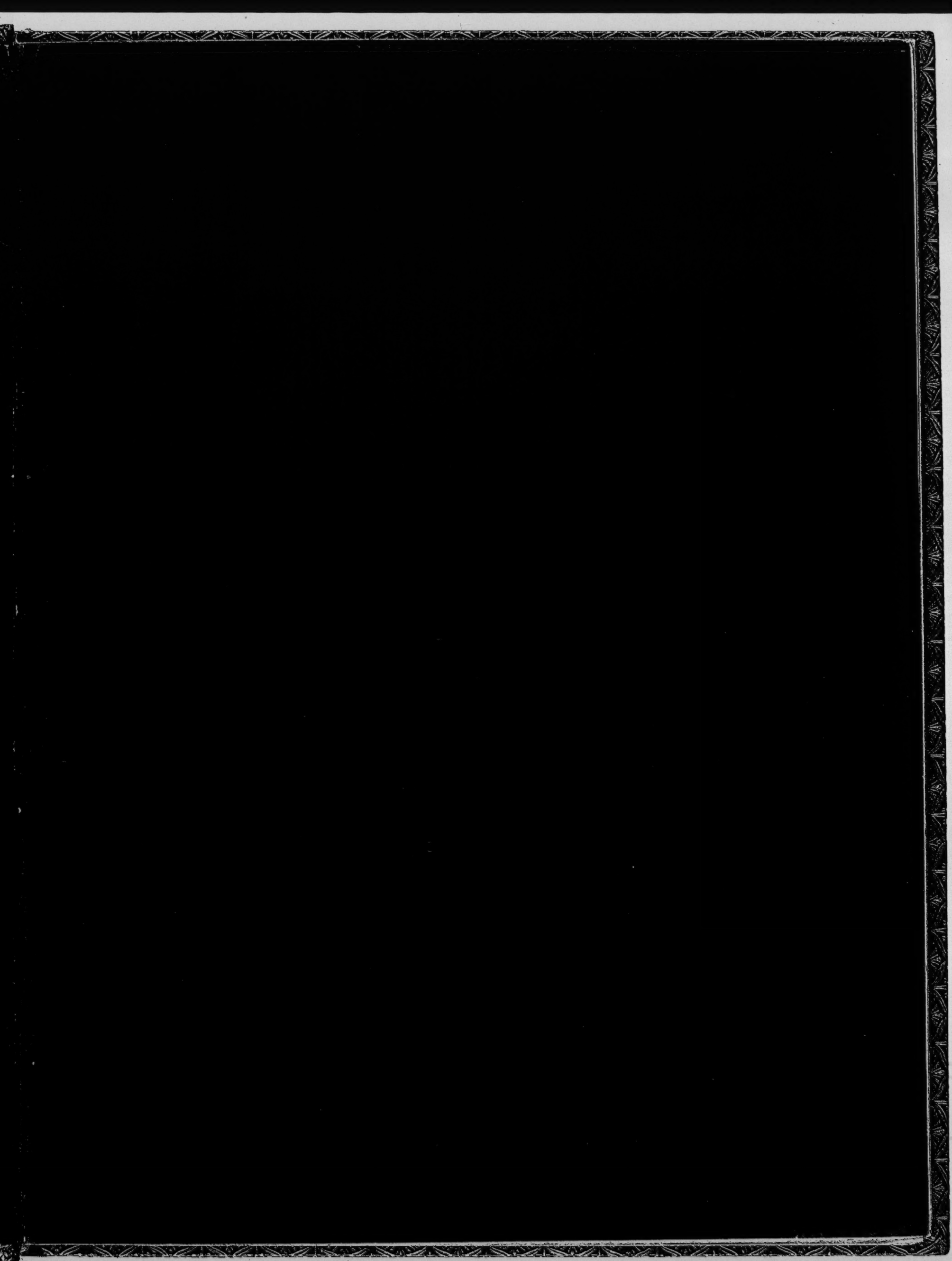
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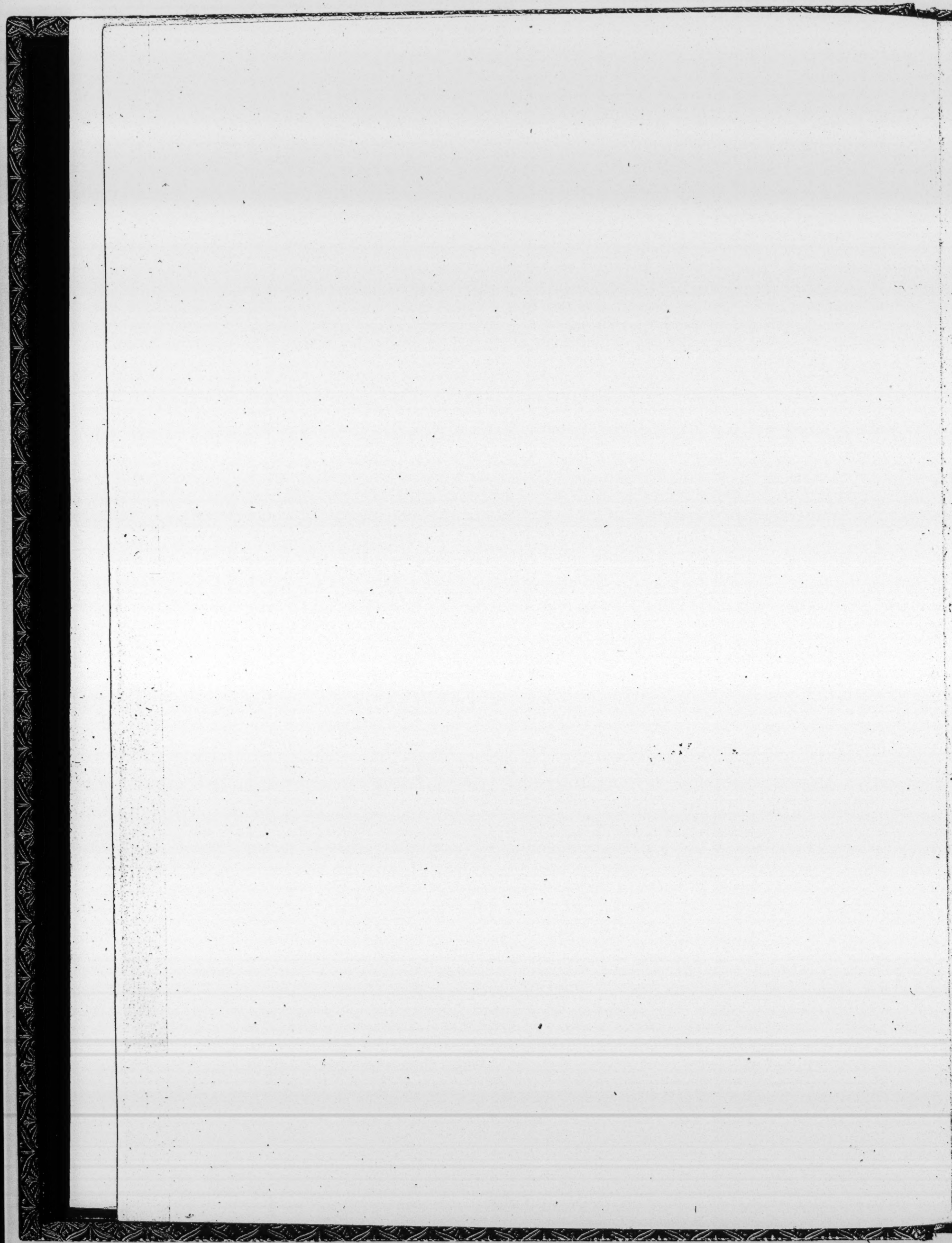
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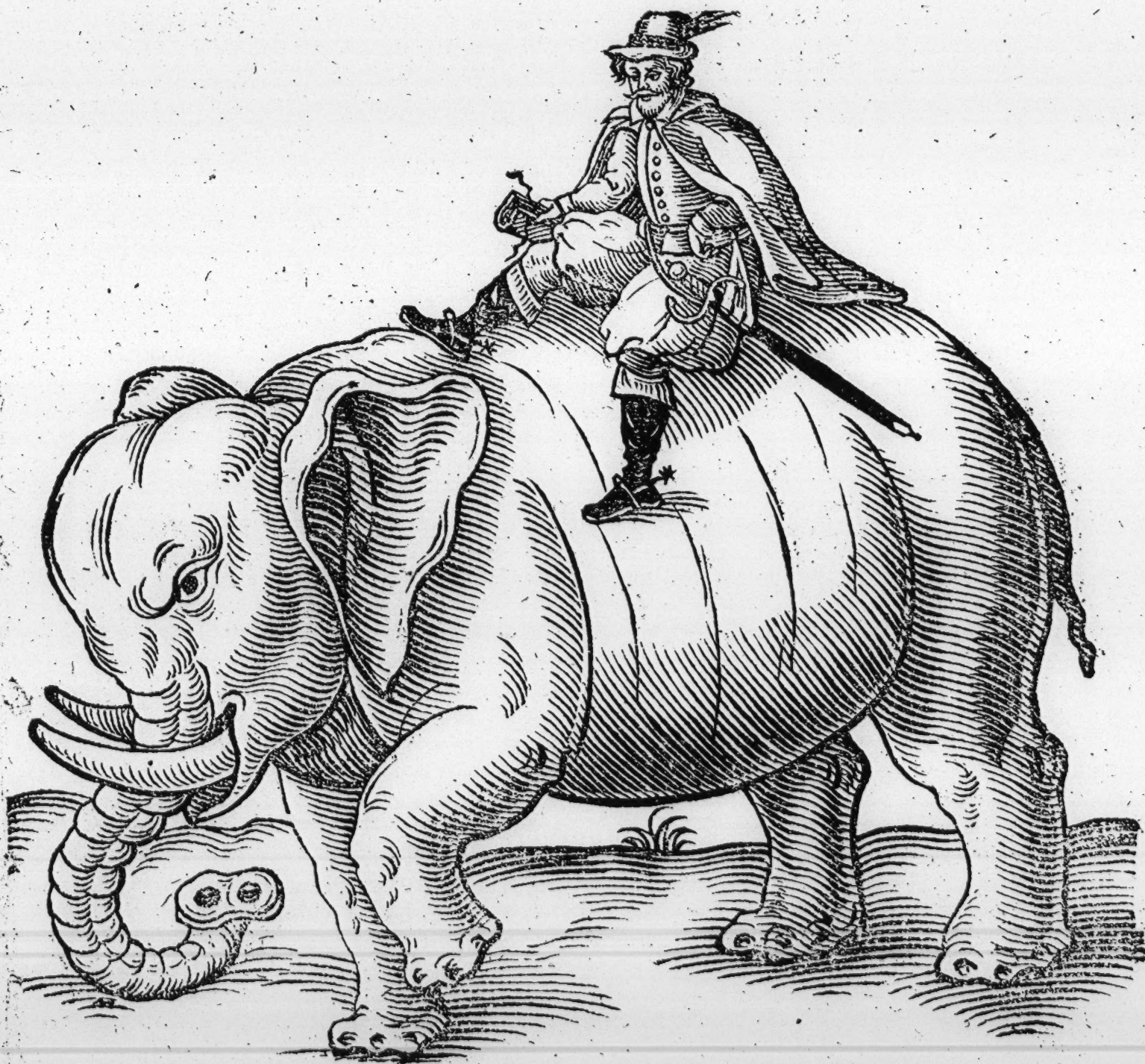


Thomas Coryate,

TRAVAILER

For the English wits, and the good of this Kingdom:

To all his inferiour Countreymen, Greeting: Especially to the Sireniscall Gentlemen, that meet the first Friday of euerie Moneth, at the Mermaide in Breadstreet. From the Court of the great *Mogul*, resident at the Towne of Asmere, in the Easterne India.



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To the Reader.

THree years (poore Countrimē that haue not trauaild)
And some odde daies, in *Odde-combs* grace & yours,
I haue enricht my feete (though something grauaild)
VVith measuring millicents of Townes and Towres.
And yet I sweare, my head is nothing full,
But rather empty of such things as fit
One that makes nothing of the Great *Mogul*,
But farre beyond, or wide, as farre as it
Is from my *Od-combe*. Meane to trauaile still,
Till I haue equald in some seauen yeares more
The wise *Vlysses*; for of him, my will
VVants nought in wit, but seauen yeares and some score
Of foolish dayes; of which, I hope to spend
Ten millions more: For all my life shall be
Endeard to that most lou'd; most fortunate end,
And to bring honor, to my Land and Ye.
But do not long for me too soone; or doubt,
As doth my mother; who doth wish I heare,
To haue me there, though in a shitten clout;
Though I not tred out my *Vlyssian* yeares.



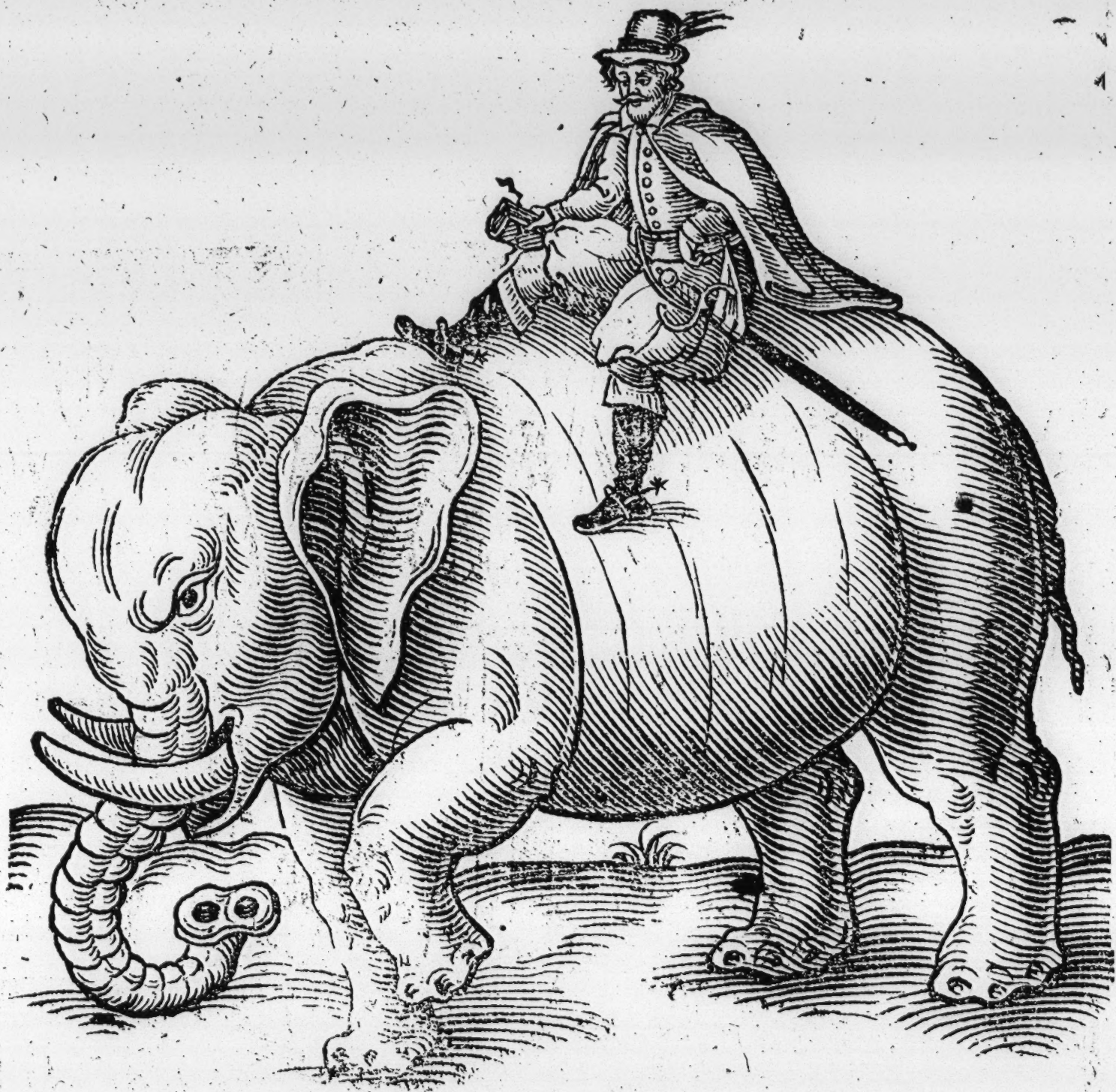
To the Reader.

For who can purchase wisdom? Ten yeares? No
Before I get it, I will go, and go.

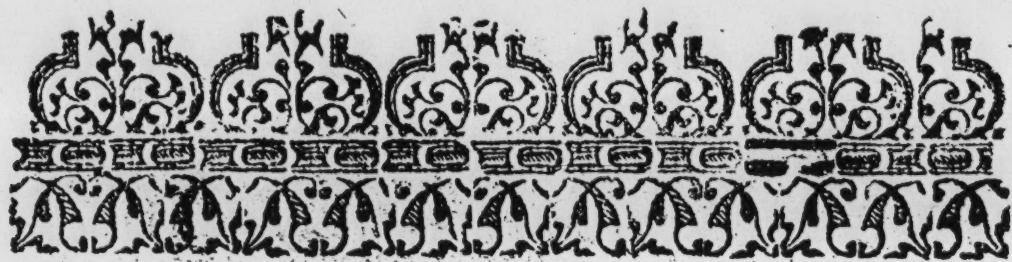
His Parallell with Erasmus.

Erasmus did in praise of folly write;
And *Coryate* doth, in his selfe-praise endite.



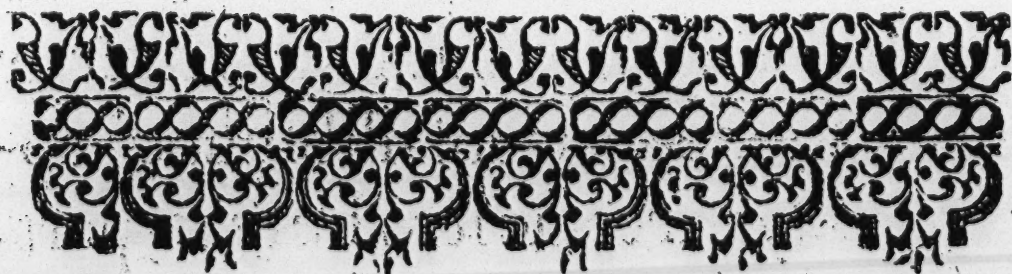


Loe heere the wooden Image of our wits;
Borne, in first trauaile, on the backs of Nits;
But now on Elephants, &c:
O, what will he ride, when his yeares expire?
The world must ride him; or he all will tire.



TO
THE RIGHT
Honourable, Sir Ed-
ward Phillips, *Knight*, and
Maister of the Rolles, at his
house in Chancery-Lane,
or VVanstead.

From the Court of the
most mighty Monarch, the
Great Mogul, resident in the Towne
of Asmere, in the Easterne
India, Anno 1615.



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Right



Right Honourable,



Am perswaded,
that if euer any
accident wor-
thy of admirati-
on euer happe-
ned vnto your
honor in al your

life time, it will be the receiuing of
this present Letter, from me out of
the *Easterne India*: yet perhaps it
will seeme vnto you so wondrous,
that I belceue you will doubt whe-
ther this bee the true hand-writing
of your once *Odcombiam* Neighbor,
Thomas Coryate. But your Honour
may soone very infallibly and ap-
parantly perceiue it to be true, part-
ly by the forme of the style, which is
iust

iust answerable to that manner of speech that you haue heard and obserued in me, sometimes in my Lin-sie-woolfie Orations; and sometimes in my extrauagant discourses: and partly by the testimony of the bearer heereof, M. *Peter Rogers*, Minister at the time of his being in *India*, to the English Merchants resident at the Court of the most puissant Monarch the great *Mogul*, at a town called *Asmere*; whose comfortable and sweet company I enioyed at the same Court, about the space of foure Moneths.

Now, though there hath itched a very burning desire in mee, within these few yeares, to suruay and contemplate some of the chiefeft parts of this goodly Fabricke of the VVorld, besides mine owne natiue Country: yet neuer did I thinke it would haue broken out to such an ambitious vent, as to trauell all on

and olivall B 2 pilot it to foote

foote from *Ierusalem*, so farre as the place where I wrote this Letter.

Howbeit since Fortune, or rather (to speake more properly, in vsing a Christian word) the prouidence of the Almighty, (for *Fatuus est*, *S. Augustine* saith, *qui fato credit*) hath so ordained, that I should securely passe so far into the Orientall world, with al humilitie vpon the bended knees of my hart, I thank my Creator & merciful redeemer, Iesus Christ; (whose Sacrosanct Sepulcher I haue visited & kissed, *terque quaterque in Ierusalem*) & do very much congratulate mine owne happines, that he hath hitherto endued mee with health, (for in all my trauels since I came out of England, I haue enioyed as sound a constitutiō of body, & firme health, as euer I did since I first drew this vitall ayre) libertie, strength of limbs, agilitie of foot-manship, &c.

Neither do I doubt, but that your Honour it selfe will likewise con-

gratulate the felicitie of our *Sommer-*
setshire, that in breeding me, hath
 produced such a traueller, as dooth
 for the diuersitie of the Countries
 he hath seene, and the multiplicite
 of his obseruations, farre (I beleue)
 out-strippe anie other whatsoeuer,
 that hath beene bred therein since
 the blessed Incarnation of our Sa-
 uior. Yea, I hope my generall coun-
 trie of *England*, shall one day say,
 that *Odde-combe*, for one part of the
 word, may truelie be so called: (for
Odde-combe consisteth of two words,
 odde, & combe, which latter word
 in the olde Saxon tongue signifieth
 besides the vertical point of a cocks
 head, the side of a Hill, because the
 east side of the hill wheron *Od-combe*
 standeth, is very conspicuous, and
 seene afar off in the Country East-
 ward) for breeding an odde man,
 one that hath not his peere in the
 whole kingdome to match him.

Three yeares and some few odde dayes I haue spent already, in this second peregrination, and I hope with as much profite (vnpartially will I speake it of my selfe, without any ouer-weening opiniõ, to which most men are subiect) both for learning foure Languages more, then I had when I left my Country: viz. *Italian, Arabian, Turkish, and Persian*; and exact viewing of diuers of the most remarkeable matters of the Vniuerse; together with the accurate description thereof, as most of my Countri-men that are now abroad. Yet such is my insatiable greedinesse of seeing strange countries: which exercise is indeede the very Queene of all the pleasures in the world, that I haue determined (if God shall say Amen) to spend full seauen yeares more, to the ende to make my voyage answerable for the time to the trauels of *Vlysses*; & then

then with vnspeakable ioy to reui-
 site my Country; which I will euer
 entitle (notwith-standing all the
 goodly Regions that I haue seene in
 my two perambulations) with the
 stile of the true *Canaan* of the world,
 that flowes with Milke and Hony.
 Onely with me good successe, I be-
 seech your Honour, as I will from
 my heart, to you and all your fami-
 lie; hoping to salute you after the fi-
 nall catastrophe of my exoticke
 wanderings; when you shall bee in
 the great climacterical year of your
 age; you being about fifty three, if
 my coniecture doth not faile mee,
 when I tooke my leaue of you: a
 thing verie likely by the mercifull
 goodnesse of God. For your Fa-
 ther, that was my god-father, who
 imposed vpon me the name of *Tho-
 mas*, liued more then eightie yeares.
 Honourable Sir, take it not, I be-
 seech you, for a discourtesie, in that
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I write nothing in this Letter of my past trauels. I am certaine, that a Letter which I haue written to M. *Whitaker*, your learned and elegant Secretary, wherein I haue compendiously discoursed of some of my obseruations in *Asia*, will quicklie come to your hands, at least if hee remaineth still in your seruice: therefore it would be superfluous to haue repeated the same things. Dutie ioyned with the recordation of the manifold benefits, and singular fauours I haue receiued from you, hath inioyned mee to send this Letter to your Honour, from this glorious Court of the *Mogul*; wherein seeing I relate not the singularities I haue seene in those Orientall Regions, I will desist to be farther tedious; humbly recommending your Honour, and vertuous Lady, your well-beloued Sonne & Heire-apparant, Sir Robert, (to whom I haue

haue written a few times also) & his
 sweet Lady; M. Martin also, M. Chri-
 stopher Brooke, whom I thanke still
 for his no lesse elegant then serious
 verses: M. Equinoctiall Pastiecrust of the
 middle Temple, M. William Hack-
 well, and the rest of the worthy gen-
 tlemen frequenting your Honou-
 rable table, that fauour vertue, and
 the sacred Muses, to the most Hea-
 uenly Clientele of the eternall Je-
 hovah.

Your Honors most obsequious Beadsman,
Thomas Coryate.

*From the Court of the great Mogul, resident in
 the Towne of Asmere in the Easterne India, on
 Michaelmas day, Anno 1615.*

I beseech your Honour, to speake
 courteously to this kind Minister
 M. Rogers for my sake: for he euer
 shewed himselfe very louing vn-
 to me.

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Most deare and beloved
Friend, Maister L. W.

animæ dimidium meæ.

From the Court of the most Mighty
Monarch, called the Great Mogul, resi-
dent in the Towne of Asmere, in the Ori-
entall India. Anno 1615.



Ordiall salutations
in the Author of
Saluation, Iesus
Christ: where I writ
vnto you last, I re-
member wel; euen
from Zebah, as the Prophet Samuel
calleth it (2 Booke 8. chap. ver. 3) that
is, Aleppo, the principall Emporium of
all Syria, or rather of the Orient
world; but when, in trueth I haue
forgotten, for I keepe not coppies
of

of my Letters, as I see most of my Countrey-men doe, in whatsoeuer place of the worlde I finde them. Howbeit, if my coniecture doe not much faile me, I may affirme that it was about xv. moneths since, about a month after I returned vnto *Aleppo* from *Ierusalem*, after which time, I remained there three months longer, and then departed therehence in a Carauan into *Persia*, passing the noble riuer *Euphrates* (the cheefest Gen. 2. 10. of all that irrigated Paradise, wherehence, as frō their original, the three other riuers were deriued) about foure dayes iourney beyond *Aleppo*: on the farther side of which, I entered *Mesopotamia*, alias *Chaldea*, for the *Euphrates* in that place distermine-
teth *Syria* & *Mesopotamia*. Therehence I had two dayes iourney to *Ur* of the *Chaldeans*, where *Abraham* was born, Gen. 11. 28. a very delicate and pleasant Cittie. There I remained foure dayes, but I

I could see no part of the ruines of the house, wher that faithful seruant of God was borne, though I much desired it. From thence, I had foure dayes iourney to the Riuer *Tigris*, which I passed also; but in the same place where I crossed it, I found it so shallow, that it reached no higher then the calfe of my legge: for I waded ouer it afoot. Now I wel perceiue by mine ocular experience, that *Chaldea* is named *Mesopotamia*, for that it is inclosed with the foresaid riuers. *Traict to Tigride*, I entred *Armenia* the greater: After that, *Media* the lower, & resided six dayes in the *Metropolis* therof, heretofore called *Ecbatana*, the sommer seate of *Cyrus* his Court, a City eftsoone mentioned in the Scripture, now called *Tauris*, more wofull ruines of a City (sauing that of *Troy* & *Cyzicu* in *Natolia*) neuer did mine eyes beholde: whē I seriously contemplated those *relics*, the doleful testimonies of the
Tur-

Turkish deuastations, I called to minde Ouids verse.

Ludit in humanis diuina potentia rebus.

And that of Hesiod,

Τὰ δὲ ὑπερτέρα νέρτερα θύσει ζεὺς ὑπερμήνης.

From that, I had two daies iourney to a Citty that in Strabos time was called *Arsacia* in *Media* the higher, now *Casbin*, once the royall seate of the *Tartarian* Princes, 4 daies iourney from the *Caspian* sea. From *Casbin*, I had 23 daies to *Spahan* in *Parthia*, the place of residence of the *Persian* K. But at my being there, he was in the Countrey of *Gurgistan*, ransacking the poor Christians ther with great hostility, with fire & sword. There I remained 2 months, & so with a *Carauan* ⁹⁰⁰ trauelled into the Easterne *India*, passing 4 months & odde daies, in my trauell betwixt that (through part of the true *Persia*, & a large tract of the noble & renownd *India*) and the goodly city of *labore* in *India*, one of the largest Cities of the whole vniuerse. For it containeth at the least xvi. miles in compasse, & exceedeth

stantineple it selfe in greatnesse: but
 a dozen dayes before I came to *La-*
bore, I passed the famous Riuer *In-*
dus, which is as broad againe as our
Thames at *London*, and hath his ori-
 ginall out of the Mountaine *Cau-*
casus, so much ennobled by the an-
 cient both Poets and Historiogra-
 phers, *Greeke & Latine*; which *Plato*
 for curiosity sake, in his trauelles of
 these parts, went to see. It lyeth not
 farre from that vppon the Confines
 of *Scythia*, now called *Tartaria*: My
 selfe also conceiuing some hope of
 seeing it before my finall farewel of
India. I had almost forgotten one
 memorable matter to impart vnto
 you: About the middle of the way,
 betwixt *Spahan* and *Labore*, iust about
 the Frontiers of *Persia & India*, I met
 Sir Robert Sherley, and his Lady, tra-
 uailing from the court of the *Mogul*,
 (where they had beene verie graci-
 ously receiued, and enriched with
 pre-

presents of great value) to the King
 of *Persia's* Court; so gallantly furni-
 shed with all necessaries for their
 trauailes, that it was a great com-
 fort vnto me to see them in such a
 flourishing estate. There did he shew
 mee to my singular contentment,
 both my Bookes neatly kept; and
 hath promised me to shew them, e-
 specially mine *Itinerarie*, to the *Perfi-*
an King; and to interpret vnto him
 some of the principall Matters in
 the Turkish tongue, to the end, I
 may haue the more gracious access
 vnto him after my returne thither.
 For through *Persia* I haue determi-
 ned (by Gods helpe) to returne to
Aleppo. Besides, other rarities that
 they carried with them out of *India*;
 they had two Elephants, and eight
 Antlops, which were the first that
 euer I saw: but afterwards, when I
 came to the *Moguls* Court, I sawe
 great store of them. These they
 meant



meant to present to the *Persia* King.
 Both he and his Lady vsed me with
 singular respect, especially his La-
 dy, who bestowed forty shillings
 vpon me in *Persian* mony; and they
 seemed to exult for ioy to see mee,
 hauing promised me to bring mee
 in good grace with the *Persian* king,
 and

and that they will induce him to bestow some Princely benefit vpon me: this I hope will be partly occasioned by my booke, for he is such a iocund Prince, that he will not be meanlie delighted with diuers of my facetious hieroglyphicks, if they are truelie and genuinely expounded vnto him. From the famous Citie of *Labore*, I had twentie daies iourney to another goodly Citie called *Agra*, through such a delicate and eeuen tract of ground, as I neuer saw before; and doubt whether the like bee to be found within the whole circumference of the habitable world. Another thing also in this way, beeing no lesse memorable then the plainenesse of the ground; a row of Trees on each side of this way where people doe trauell, extending it selfe from the townes end of *Labore*, to the townes end of *Agra*; the most incompara-

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ble shew of that kinde, that euer my
 eyes suruaied. Likewise wheras ther
 is a Mountaine some ten daies iour-
 ney betwixt *Labore* and *Agra*, but ve-
 rie neere ten miles out of the way
 on the left hand: the people that in-
 habite that Mountaine, obserue a
 custome very strange, that all the
 brothers of any familie, haue but
 one and the selfe-same wife; so that
 one woman sometimes doth serue
 6 or 7 men: the like whereof I re-
 member I haue read in *Strabo*, con-
 cerning the Arabians that inhabi-
 ted *Arabia felix*. *Agra* is a verie great
 Citie, and the place where the *Mogul*
 did alwaies (sauiug within these two
 yeares) keepe his Court; but in eue-
 rie respect much inferior to *Labore*.
 From thence to the *Moguls* Court I
 had ten daies iourney, at a Towne
 called *Asmere*, where I found a Cape
 Merchant of our English men, with
 nine more of my Countrimen, resi-
 dent

dent there vpon termes of Negotiations, for the right worshipfull Company of Merchants in Londō that trade for East India. I spent in my iourney betwixt *Ierusalem* & this *Moguls* Court, 15. moneths and odde daies: all which way I trauerfed a-foot, but with diuers paire of shooes, hauing beene such a Propateticke, (I will not cal my selfe Peripatetick, because you know it signifieth one that maketh a perambulation about a place, *περιπατειν*, signifying to walk about) that is, a walker forward on foote, as I doubt whether you euer heard of the like in your life: for the totall way betwixt *Ierusalem* and the *Moguls* court, containeth two thousand and seauen hundred English miles. My whole perambulation of this Asia the greater, is like to bee a passage of almost fixe thousande miles, by that time that in my returne backe thorough Persia,

afterward also by *Babylon* and *Niniue*, I shall come to *Cairo* in *Egypt*, and from that downe the *Nylus* to *Alexandria*, there to be one daie (by Gods helpe) imbarqued for Christendome; a verie immense dimension of ground.

Now I am at the *Moguls* Court, I think you would be glad to receiue some narration thereof from mee, though succinctly handled: for I meane to be very compendious, lest I shold otherwise preoccupate that pleasure which you may here after this reape by my personall relation thereof. This present Prince is a verie worthy person, by name *Selim*, of which name I neuer read or heard of any more then one Mahometan King, which was *Sultan Selim* of *Constantinople*, that liued about 80. years since; the same that conquered *Ierusalem*, *Damascus*, *Aleppo*, *Cairo*, &c: adding the same to the *Turkish* Empire.

pire. He is 53. yeares of age, his natiuitie daie hauing beene celebrated with wonderfull pompe since my arriual here: for that daie he weighed himselfe in a paire of golden Scales, which by great chance I saw the same day (a custome that he obserueth most inuioablie euery year) laying so much golde in the other scale as cōteruaileth the weight of his body, and the same he afterward distributed to the poore. Hee is of complexion neither white nor blacke, but of a middle betwixt the: I know not how to expresse it with a more expresse & significant epitheton then Oliue: an Oliue colour his face presenteth: hee is of a seemelie composition of bodie, of a stature little vnequall (as I guesse not without grounds of probabilitie) to mine, but much more corpulent then my selfe. The extent of his Dominion is verie spacious, beeing

in circuite, little lesse then 4000. English miles, which verie neere answereth the compas of the Turks territories: or if any thing be wanting in geometricall dimension of ground, it is with a great pleonasmie supplied by the fertility of his soyle: and in these two things hee exceedeth the Turks, in the fatnesse (as I haue said) of his Land, no part of the world yeelding a more fruitfull veine of ground, then all that which lieth in his Empire, sauing that part of Babylonia, where the terrestriall Paradise once stood: whereas a great part, of the Turkes Land is extreme barren and sterill, as I haue obserued in my peregrination thereof, especially in Syria, Mesopotamia and Armenia; many large portions thereof beeing so wonderfull fruitelesse, that it beareth no good thing at all, or if any thing, there *Infelix lolium et steriles dominantur auenæ.* Second-

Secondly, in the coniunction and vnion of all his Territories, together in one & the same goodly continent of India, no Prince hauing a foote of land within him. But many parcels of the Turkes Countries are by a large distance of seas & otherwise diuided asunder. Again, in his Reuenue he exceedeth the Turk & the Persian his Neighbour by iust halfe: for his Reuenues are 40. millions of Crownes of fixe shillings value, by the yeare: but the Turkes are no more then fifteene millions, as I was certainly informed in Constantinople; and the Persians five millions *plus minus*, as I heard in Spahan. It is saide that he is vncircumcised, wherein he differeth from all the Mahometan Princes that euer were in the world.

Hee speaketh very reuerently of our Sauour, calling him in the Indian tonguc, *Ifazaret Eesa*, that is, the

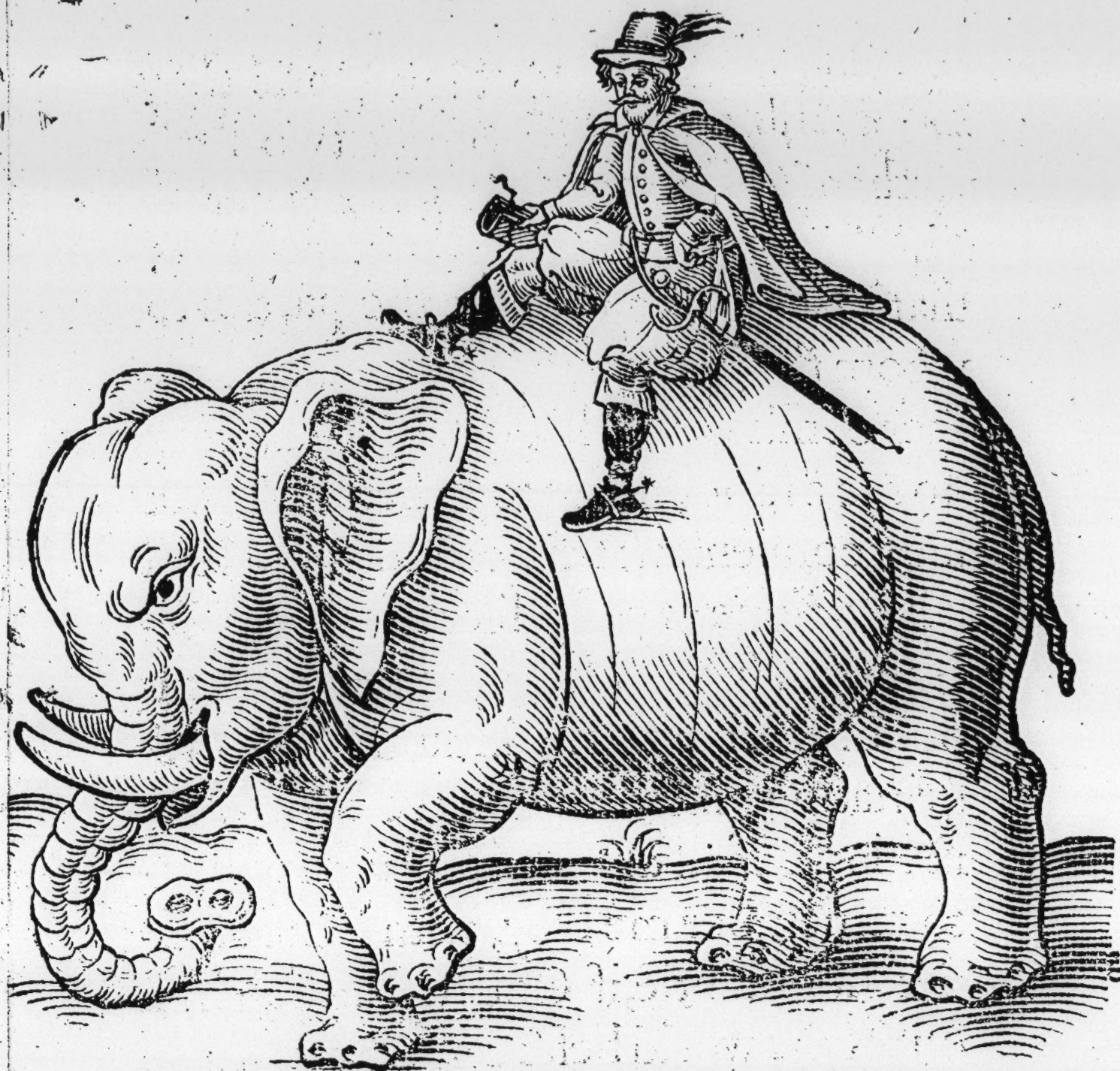
the great Prophet, Iesus: and all Christians, especiallie vs English, he vseth so beneuolently, as no Mahometan Prince the like. Hee keepeth abundance of wilde Beasts, & that of diuers sorts, as Lyons, Elephants Leopards, Beares, Antlops, Vnicornes; whereof two I haue seene



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at his Court, the strangest beasts of the world: they were brought hither out of the Countrie of *Bengala*, which is a kingdome of most singular fertilitie within the compasse of his Dominion, about foure moneths iourney from this, the midland parts therof being watered by diuers channels of the famous *Ganges*, which I haue not as yet seene, but (God willing) I meane to visite it before my departure out of this Countrie, the nearest part of it beeing not aboue twelue daies iourney from this Court. The King presenteth himselfe thrice euery daie without faile to his Nobles, at the rising of the Sunne, which he adoreth by the eleuation of his hands; at noone, and at fve of the clocke in the euening: but he standeth in a roome aloft, alone by himselfe, and looketh vppon them from a window that hath an embroidered sumptuous couerture, supported with two siluer pillasters to yeeld shaddowe vnto him. Twice euery week, Elephants fight before him, the brauest spectacle in the worlde: many of them are thir-

teene foot and a halfe high ; and they seeme to iustle together like two little Mountaines, and were they not parted in the midst of their fighting by certaine fire-workes, they would exceedingly gore and cruentate one another by their murdering teeth. Of Elephants the King keepeth 30000. in his whole Kingdome at an vnmeasurable charge, in feeding of whom, and his Lyons, and other Beasts, he spendeth an incredible masse of money, at the least ten thousand pounds sterling a day. I haue rid vpon an elephant since I came to this Court, determining one day (by Gods leaue) to haue my picture expressed in my next Booke, sitting vpon an Elephant. The King keepeth a thousand women for his own body, whereof the chieftest (which is his Queene) is called *Normal*. I thinke I shall here after this, send another Letter vnto you, before my departure out of this Countrey, by a worthy man, which is the Minister & Preacher of our Nation in this place, one *M. Peter Rogers*, a man to whom I am



am exceedingly obliged for his singular offices of humanity exhibited vnto me. Pray vse him kindly for my sake; hee vnderstanding, that there is a certaine yong Gentleman, called Maister *Charles Lancaster*, that serueth the M. of the Rolles, intreated me to desire you to recomment him very kindly vnto him.

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Our

Our Cape-Merchants name is M. *William Edwards*, an honest gentleman, that vseth me with verie louing respect. Dear M. *L. VV.* conueigh these twoe letters that I haue sent to you, to the parties to whom they are directed: my poore mother & mine vnckle *William*. You may do me a kinde office to desire him (with such conuenient termes and patheticall perswasions as your discretion shall dictate and suggest vnto you) to remember me as his poore industrious peregrinating kinsman, neereſt vnto him in blood of all the people in the world; to remember me I ſay, with ſome competent gratuitie, if God ſhould call him out of the world before my returne into my native Countrey. I praie you if hee be living, and doth uſe to come to London as he was wont to doo, that you would deliuer my Letter to him with your owne hands, and not ſend it vnto him. You may remember to relate this vnto your friends, that I will now mention as a matter verie memorable; I ſpent in my ten moneths trauels be-

twixt

twixt Aleppo and the Moguls Court, but three pounds sterling, yet fared reasonable well euerie daie; victuals beeing so cheape in some Countries where I trauelled, that I oftentimes liued competentlie for a pennie sterling a day: yet of that three pound I was coufened of no lesse then ten shillings sterling, by certaine lewde Christians of the Armenian Nation: so that indeed I spent but fiftie shillings in my ten moneths trauailes. I haue beene in a Citie in this Countrie, called *Detee*, where *Alexander* the Great ioyned battell with *Porus*, K. of *India*, and conquered him; and in token of his victorie, erected a brasse pillar, which remaineth there to this day. Pray remember my humblest seruice to the right Honourable, your Maister of the Rolles. *Si superat q; et v'scitur aura ætherea, nec adhuc crudelibus occubat vmbris.* And to Sir Robert Phillips, once my *Mecenas*, but how affected to me at this time I know not: pray tell them that I meane to write to each of them before my departure out of *India*: remember

my duty also to their right vertuous Ladies. About foure yeares hence looke for me, but not before. For if God grant me life and health, I meane to make it a voyage of full seauen yeares before I come home, whereof three are already spent. Commend me also I pray you to *M. Martin*, though at a mans house in *woodstreet*, he vsed mee one night verie peruerfly before I came away: but you see that my being at Ierusalem dooth make me forget many iniuries. Commend mee likewise to Maister *H. Holland*, and *Inigo Iones*: at this time I haue many Irons in the fire; for I learne the *Persian*, *Turkish*, & *Arabian* tongues, hauing already gotten the *Italian* (I thank God) I haue bene at the *Moguls* Court three moneths already, and am to tarry heere (by Gods holy permission) fife moneths longer, till I haue gotten the foresaide three tongues, and then depart herehence to the *Ganges*, and after that, directly to the *Persian* Court.

Your assured louing Friend till death,

Tho: Coryate.

*From the Court of the Great Mogul, resident
at the Towne of Asmere in the Eastern
India, on Michaelmas day. Anno
1615.*

I Do enioy at this time as pancraticall and athle-
ticall a health as euer I did in my life: & so haue
done euer since I came out of England, sauing
for three dayes in *Constantinople*, where I had an
Ague, which with a little letting blood was clean
banished, the Lord be humbly thanked for his
gracious blessing of health that hee hath giuen
vntomee. I was robbed of my money both golde
and siluer (but not all, by reason of certaine clan-
destine corners where it was placed) in a Cittie
called *Diarbeck* in *Mesopotamia*, the Turks coun-
trei, by a *Spahē* as they call him, that is, one of
the horsemen of the great Turke; but the occasi-
on and circumstance of that misfortune, would
be too tedious to relate. Notwithstanding that
losse, I am not destitute of money I thanke God.
Since my arriual heere, there was sent vnto this
King one of the richest presents that I haue heard
to be sent to any Prince in al my life time: it con-
sisted of diuers parcels; one beeing Elephants,
whereof there were 31. and of those, two so glo-
riously adorned, as I neuer sawe the like, nor
shal see the like again while I liue. For they wore
foure chaines about their bodies all of beaten
gold: two chains about their legges of the same;
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furniture for their buttocks of pure gold: two Lyons vpon their heads of the like gold: the ornaments of each, amounting to the value of almost eight thousand pound sterling: and the whole Present was worth ten of their Leakes, as they call them; a Leak being ten thousand pound sterling: the whole, a hundred thousand pounds sterling. Pray commend me to M. *Protoplast*, and all the Sireniacall gentlemen, to whom I wrote one Letter from *Aleppo*, after my being at *Ierusalem*; and another I intend to write before my going out of *Asia*. Their most elegant and incomparable safe-conduct that they haue graciously bestowed vpon me, I haue left at *Aleppo*, not hauing made any vse of it as yet, neither shall I in all my peregrination of *Asia*: but when I shall one day arriue in Christendome, it will be very auailable to me. I haue heere sent vnto you the cobby of certaine facetious verses, that were lately sent to me to this Court, from one of my Countrymen, one M. *John Browne*, a Londoner borne, now resident with diuers other English Merchants, at a Citie in *India*, five hundred miles from the place where I abide, called *Amadauers*, about fixe dayes iourney from the Sea: who vnderstanding of my arriual at this Court, and of my tedious pedestriall peregrination all the way from *Ierusalem* hither; vnderstanding it I say, by Latine and Italian Epistles, that vpon a certaine occasion I wrote to some of that company, made these pretty verses, and sent them me. You may reade them to your friends if you thinke fit, and especially to the Sireniacall gentlemen; for they are elegant and delectable.

lectable. The superscription of his Letter was this: To the painefull gentleman, *M. Thomas Coryate*: The title within prefixed before the verses, this;

To the Odcombian wonder, our laborious Countryman, the generous Coryate.

The Verses.

What though thy *Cruder* trauels were attended
With bastinadoes, lice, and vile disgraces?
Haue not thy glorious acts thereby ascended
Great Brittaines stage, euen to Princes places,
Led on in triumph by the noblest spirits
That euer deignd to write of anies merits?

If then for that they did aduance thy fame,
How will they striue to adde vnto thy glory,
When thou to them so wondrously shalt name
Thy weary foot-steps and thy Asian story?
No doubt more ripe (as neerer to the Sunne)
Then was that first that in the cold begun.

Then rest a while, and to thy taske againe,
Till thou hast thoroughly trod this Asian round,
Which yet so many Kingdomes doth containe
As *Dacken*, where the Diamond is found;
And *Bisnagar*, *Narsinga*: and if you be
Not weary yet, in *Zeilan* seeke the Rubie.

Then could I wish you saw the *China* Nation,
Whose policie and art doth farre exceed
Our Northern climes: and here your obseruation
Vould Nouelists and curious Artists feede

With admiration. Oh, had I now my wishes,
Sure you should learn to make their *China* dishes

But by the way forget not * *Gugurat*,
The Lady of this mighty Kings Dominion:
Visite *Baroch*, *Cambaia*, and *Surat*,
And *Amadanar*; all which in my opinion
Yeeld much content: & then more to glad yee,
Weele haue a health to al our friends in * *Tadee*

* A goodly
Prouince in
India, three
hundred
miles from
hence.

* A kinde of
wine vsed in
that part of
Ind. a.

* He meaneth
Arabia felix.

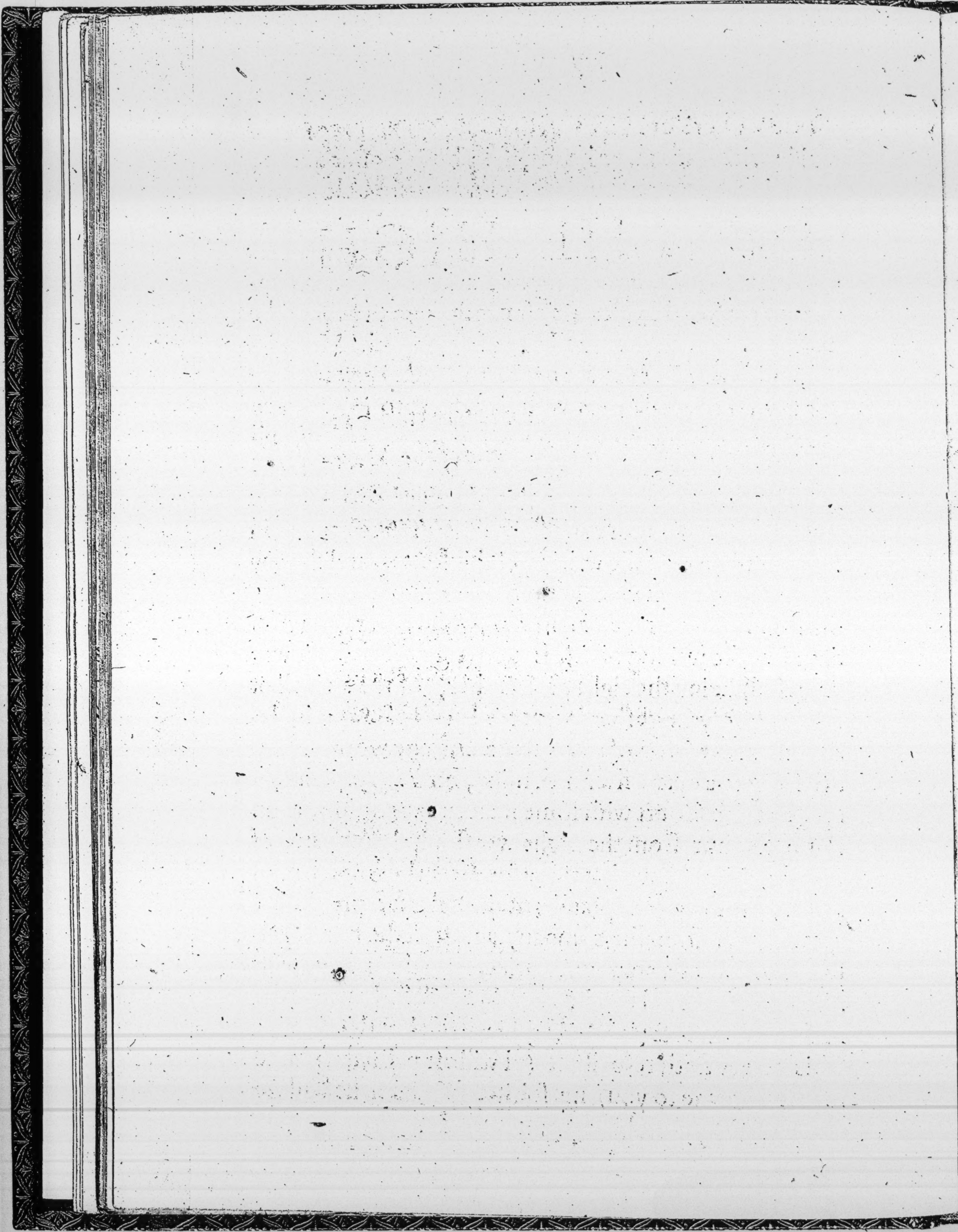
Then crosse to *Arab*, * happiest in diuision;
But haue a care (at *Mecca* is some danger)
Leste you incurre the paine of circumcision,
Or *Peter*-like, to Christ do sceme a stranger.
From thence to *Egypt*, where the famous *Nile*
And *Memphis* will detaine your eyes a while.

This done, at *Alexandria* seeke your passage
For *Englands* happy shores, wher *How* & *Mundy*
Will striue to make your trauels out-last age,
So long as stand their Annals of our Country.
For *Mandeuill* wil come of thee farre short,
Either of trauell, or a large report.

Y^Et one Post-script more by way of a *Coro-
lary*, and so with the same, beeing the fourth
and the last, I will adde the final vmbilicke to this
tedious English-Indian Epistle. I haue written
out two seuerall coppies of these verses, and in-
cluded them within the Letters, which I haue in-
treated you to distribute for me, but so that the
Letters are not sealed vpon them; onely they lie
loose within the Letters, therefore they are sub-
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iect to losing, except you haue an extraordinary care of them. Wherefore I intreate you to deliuer that to mine Vnkle with your owne hands, if he be in London, or to conueigh it to him by such a one as will not lose that loose paper of verses. The like care I desire you to haue of that to my mother, and to send it vnto her by some other man then a Carrier, if you can iet with such an opportunity: for in truth I am afraide the carrier will lose the inclosed paper. Pray take aduice of some of the M. of the Rolles his people that are to ride to *Euill*. Pray remember my commendations with all respect to M. *Williams* the goldsmith and his wife; and to *Benjamin Johnson*, and to reade this letter to them both: likewise to mistris *Elizabeth Balch*, if shee continueth with your Lady.

One appendix more and so an end. There happened betwixt the day of the writing of this Letter, and the day of the sealing of it vp, a memorable occurrent not to bee omitted. VVee receiued newes at this Court the ninth day after the writing of this Letter (for nine daies it was vnsealed) being the eight of October, of the arriual of foure goodly English ships, at the hauen of *Surat* in *India*, and in the same, of a very generous and worthy English Knight, a deare friend of mine, Sir *Thomas Rowe*, to come to the Court with some mature expedition, as an Ambassadour from the right worshipfull company of London Merchants that trade for *India*: he cometh with Letters from our King, and certaine selected presents of good worth from the company, among st the rest, a gallant Caroch, of 150. pounds price. Also there came with him 15. seruants, al Englishmen. Forty daies hence at the farthest we expect (θεοῦ δυνάμει) his arriual at this Court. This newes doth refocillate (I will vse my olde phrase so well knowne to you) my spirits: for I hope he will vse me graciously, for old acquaintance sake.





TO THE HIGH

Seneschall of the right
Worshipfull Fraternitie of Sireni-
acal Gentlemen, that meet the first Fri-
daie of euery Moneth, at the signe of the Mere-
Maide in Bread-streete in London, giue these:

*From the Court of the great Mogul, resident at
the Towne of Asmere, in the East-
erne India.*



Ight Generous, Io-
uiall, and Mercuriall
Sirenaicks; I haue of-
ten read this greeke
Prouerb, *χείρ χείρα πύληται*,
that is, one hand
washeth another, &
in Latine, *Mulus mulum scabit*, one Mule
scratcheth another; by which the Anci-
ents signified, that courtesies done vn-
to friends, ought to bee requited with
reciprocall offices of friendship. The
serious consideration heereof, dooth

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make me to call to mind that incomparable elegant safe-conduct, which a little before my departure from England, your Fraternity with a general suffrage gaue me for the security of my future peregrination, concinnated by the pleasant wit of that inimitable artizan of sweet elegancy, the moytie of my heart, and the quondam Seneschall of the noblest society, M. L.VV.

Therefore since it is requisite that I should repay some-what for the same, according to the lawes of humanity: Such a poore retribution as I sent vnto you from *Aleppo*, the Metropolitan City of *Syria*, by one M. *Henry Allare* of *Kent*, my fellow-pilgrime therehence to *Ierusalem*; I meane a plaine Epistle, which I hope, long since came vnto your hands. I haue sent vnto you by a man no lesse deare vnto mee then the former, one M. *Peter Rogers*, a Kentish man also, from the most famigerated Region of all the East, the ample and large
India:

India: assuring my selfe, that because I am not able to requite your loue with any essentiall gratulations, other then verball and scriptall, you wil as louingly entertaine my poore Letters, beeing the certaine manifestation of an ingenious minde, as if I should send vnto you the minerall riches or drugges of the noble Country.

Thinke it no wonder I pray you, that I haue made no vse in all this space since I left my native Country, of the superexcellent *Commeate*; for I haue spent all my time hitherto in the Mahometan Countries, and am like to spend three yeares more in these Muselman (as they call them) Regions of Asia, after of Europe, before I shal arriue in Christendome. For this cause I left it in Aleppo, with my COUNTRYMEN, there to receiue it from them againe, after that I shall haue ended my Indian and Persian perambulation: and therehence to carrie it once more

to Constantinople, and that by the way at
Iconium, Nicæa, Nicomedia, & in the coun-
 trie of *Natolia*, a iournie of forty daies.
 From that finally through the heart of
Greece, by the Cities of *Athens, Thebes,*
Corinth, Lacedæmon, Thessalonica, and to the
 Citie of *Ragouze*, heretofore *Epidaurus*,
 so sacred for the image of *Aesculapius* in
 the countrie of *Sclauonia*, once called *Il-*
lyricum; from thence I haue three daies
 iourney to the inestimable Diamond
 set in the Ring of the Adriatique gulfe,
 (as once I said in the first harangue that
 euer I made to Prince *Henry* of blessed
 memory, translated since my departure
 from *London*, from the terrestriall Ta-
 bernacles, to the cœlestial habitations)
 venerable *Venice*, the soueraign Queen
 of the *Mare superum*; if the great *Iehouah*
 shall be so propitious vnto mee, as to
 grant mee a prosperous arriual in that
 noble Cittie, I will there beginne to
 shew your safe conduct, and to decan-
 tate, yea and blazon your praises for the
 same: and after in euery other place of
 note, vntill I shall arriue in glorious
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London, communicate it to the most polite ~~with~~ that the Cities will yeeld, *with* thorough which my laborious feete shall carry mee. It would be superuacaneous to commemorate vnto you the almost incredible extent of Land I trauerfed from *Ierusalem* to the Court of the great *Mogul* in *India*, where I now reside; with the variable Regions and Prouinces interiacent betwixt them, and the manifold occurrences and obseruations of speciall worke in this vaste tract: for it wold be such a fastidious discourse, that it could not be wel comprehended in a large sheete of paper: but M. *VV.* I hope will not faile to import vnto you a few compendious Relations, which I haue acquainted him with, in a particular Letter to himselfe: of which, if I should haue written againe to you, it would haue proued *Crambe bis Cocta*. The Gentleman that bringeth this Letter vnto you, was preacher to the English Merchants conuersant at the Court of the aforesaide mighty Monarch in the Towne of *Asmere* in this Easterne *India*:

and in diuers louing offices hath bene
 so kind vnto me, that I intreat your ge-
 nerosities to entertaine him friendly
 for my sake, to exhilarate him with the
 purest quintessence of the Spanish, French
 and Rhenish Grape, which the Mermaid
 yeeldeth; & either one in the name of
 you all, or else the totall vniuersalitie of
 the one after another, to thanke him
 heartily, according to the quality of
 his merits. Farewell noble Sirenaicks.

*Your generosities most obliged Countreyman,
 ever to be commanded by you, the Hierosolymi-
 tan-Syrian-Mesopotamian-Armenian-Me-
 dian-Parthian-Persian-Indian Legge-
 stretcher of Odcomb in Somerset,*

THOMAS CORYATE.



Ray remember the recommendations of my dutifull respect to al those whose names I haue here expressed, being the lovers of vertue, and literature; and so consequently the well-willers (I hope) of a prosperous issue of my designements, in my laborious pedestriall perambulations of Asia, Affrica, and Europe.

VVritten with mine owne hand, at the Court of the Great *Mogul Shaugh Selim*, resident in the towne of *Asmere*, in the vmbilicke of the orientall India, the eight day of Nouember, being wednesdaie. Anno Dom. 1615.

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Imprimis, to the two Ladies *Varney*, the Mother & the Daughter, at Boswell house without Temple Barre.

2. Item, to that famous Antiquarie, Sir Robert Cotten, at his house in the blacke Friers. Pray tell him that I haue a very curious white marble head of an ancient Heros or Gyant-like Champion, found out very casually by my diligent peruestigatio amongst the ruines of the once renowned City of *Cyzicum*, mentioned by *Cicero* in his second Oration (if my memory doth not faile me) against *Verres*, situate in a peninsula of *Bythinia*, in the goodly country of *Natolia*, neere the Sea *Propontis*: to this head wil his best antiquities whatsoeuer veyle bonnet.

3. Item, to that courteous, sweet, and elegant-natured and nurtured gentleman, M. William Forde, Preacher to our Nation at *Constantinople*, if you happen to meete him in any part of England; one that deserueth better of me then any man in all this Catalogue: for of him I haue learned whatsoeuer superficial skill I haue gotten in the Italian tongue: pray reduplicate my commendations vnto him.

4. Item to M. George Speake my generous & ingenuous countriman, the Sonne and heyre apparant of Sir George Speake in Sommersetshire: him you are like to finde in any Terme, eyther at the middle Temple, or in some Barbers house

house neere to the Temple.

5. Item, to M. Iohn Donne, the author of two most elegant Latine Bookes, *Pseudo-martyr*, and *Ignatij Conclaue*: of his abode either in the Strād, or elsewhere in London: I thinke you shall bee easily informed by the meanes of my friend, M. L. W.

6. Item, to M. Richard Martin, Counsellor, at his chamber in the middle Temple, but in the Terme time, scarce else.

7. Item, to M. Christopher Brooke of the city of Yorke, Councillor, at his chamber in Lincolnes Inne, or neere it.

8. Item, to M. Iohn Hoskins, alias *Aequinoctial Pasticraft*, of the citie of Hereford, Councillor, at his chamber in the middle Temple.

9. Item, to M. George Garrat; of whose being you shal vnderstand by Master Donne afore-saide.

10. Item, to M. VVilliam Hackwell, at his chamber in Lincolnes Inne.

11. Item, to Master Benjamin Iohnson the Poet, at his chamber at the Blacke Friars.

12. Item to Maist. Iohn Bond my countrey-man, chiefe Secretarie vnto my Lorde Chancellor.

13. Item, to M. Doctor Mocker, resident perhappes in my Lord of *Canterburies* house at Lambeth, where I left him.

14. Item, to M. Samuel Purkas, the great collector

lector of the Lucubrations of sundry classical authors, for the description of Asia, Africa, and America. Pray commend mee vnto him and his *μαρσάλης* Maister Cooke, by the same token, that he gaue me a description of *Constantinople*, and the *Thracius Bosphorus*, written in Latine by a Frenchman called *Petrus Gillius*: which Booke, when I carried once in an afternoone vnder mine arme, in walking betwixt our English Ambassadors house in *Pera*, on the opposite side to *Constantinople*, and the Flemish Ambassadors house, I lost it very vnfortunately to my great grieve, & neuer found it againe.

15 *Item*, to M. *Inigo Jones*, there where Maister *Martin* shall direct you.

16 *Item*, to M. *John Williams* the Kings Goldsmith at his house in Cheapside.

17 *Item* to M. *Hugh Holland*, at his lodging, where M. *Martin* shall direct you.

18 *Item* to M. *Robert Bing* at *Tongs* ordinarie, neere the Exchange.

19 *Item*, to M. *William Stansby*, the Printer of my *Crudities* and *Crambe*, at his house in Thames street: also to his childlesse wife.

20 *Item*, to all the Stationers in *Pauls Church-yard*; but especially those by name, Maister *Norton*, Maister *Waterston*, M. *Mathew Lownes*, M. *Edward Blount*, and M. *Barrat*, &c.

God blesse the all, & me too, that I may one day after the finall consummation of my fastidious peregrinations

tions in the world, see and salute them all in health
and welfare.

Per me Thomam Coryatum
Odcombiensem.

PRay remember my verie humble dutie to my
Lord Byshop of *Bathe* and *Welles*, generous
M. Doctor Montacute; and tell his Lordship, that
before I returne towards the Persian court out of
this Orientall *India*, I resolve (by Gods permissi-
on) to write such a Letter vnto him (after I haue
thoroughly surueighed so much of this country as
I meane to do) as shall not bee vnworthy to bee
read to the Kings most excellent Maiesty. You
are like to heare newes of his Lordships abode
in Kings street, neere VVestminster.

A Distich to the Traveller.

All our choise wits, all, see, thou hast engrost:
The doubt yet rests, if they or thou haue most.

FINIS.

1744
The first of the month of January 1744
at the City of London

James Oglethorpe Esq
Governor of Georgia

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the petition of the Trustees of the Georgia Company (by Oglethorpe) for a charter to him (after I have read the petition) which is much of the same nature as the petition of the Trustees of the Georgia Company in 1732. I am very glad to hear that you have been so successful in your petition. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
W. V. Johnston

James Oglethorpe Esq
Governor of Georgia
at the City of London

FINIS.



To his Louing Mother.

BY this present Letter, I am like to minister vnto you the occasion of two contrary matters; the one of comfort, the other of discomfort: of comfort, because I haue by the propitious assistance of the omnipotent *Iehouah*, performed such a notable voyage of *Asia* the greater, with purchase of great riches of experience, as I doubt whether any English man this hundred yeares haue done the like; hauing seene and very particularly obserued all the cheefest things in the Holy-land, called in times past *Palæstina*; as *Ierusalem*, *Samaria*, *Nazareth*, *Bethlehem*, *Iericho*, *Emmaus*, *Bethania*, the Dead sea, called by the Ancients *Lacus Asphaltites*, where *Sodome* and *Gomorrha* once stood; since that, many famous and renowned Cities and countries; *Mesopotamia*, in the which I entred by the passage of the riuer *Euphrates*, that watered Paradise; in which the Cittie of *Vr* where *Abraham* was borne; both the *Mediæ*, the higher and the lower. *Parthia*, *Armenia*, *Persia*, through al which I haue traualled into the Eastern India, being now at the Court of the great *Mogull*, at a Towne called *Asmere*, the which from Ierusalem is the distance of two thousand and seauen hundred miles; and haue traced all this tedious way afoote, with no small toile of bodye and discomfort, because that beeing so exceeding

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farre from my sweet and most delicious Natiue soyle of England, you will doubt perhaps, how it is possible for me to returne home againe: but I hope I shall quickly remoue from you that opinion of discomfort, (if at the least you shall conceiue any such) because I would haue you know, that I alwayes go safely in the company of *Carauans* from place to place. A *Carauan* is a word much vsed in all *Asia*: by which is vnderstood a great multitude of people travelling together vpon the way with Camels, Horses, Mules, Asses, &c. on which they carry Merchandizes from one country to another, and Tents and Pauillions; vnder which instead of houses they shelter themselves in open fields, being furnished also with all necessary prouision, and conuenient implements to dresse the same: in which *Carauans* I haue euer most securely passed betwixt Ierusalem and this Towne, a iourney of fifteene months and odde dayes: whereof foure wanting a VVeeke, spent in *Aleppo*, and two and fife & od dayes spent in *Spahan* the Metropolitan Citty of *Persia*, where the Persian King most commonly keepeth his Court: & the occasion of my spending of fixe moneths of the foresaide fifteene, in those two Citties, was to waite for an opportunity of *Carauans* to Trauaile withall; which a traeller is not sure to finde presently, when he is ready to take his iourney, but must with patience expect a conuenient time; and the *Carauan* in which I trauelled betwixt *Spahan* and *India*, contained 2000. Camels, 1500. horses, 1000. and odde Mules, 800. Asses, and fixe thousand people. Let this therefore (dear Mother) minister vnto you a strong hope of my happy returne into England.

Notwithstanding all these lines for prouision for your
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Funerall, I hope for to see you aliue and sound in body & minde, about foure yeares hence; & to kneele before you with effusion of teares, for ioy. Sweet mother, pray let not this wound your heart, that I say four yeares hence, & not before; I humbly beseech you euen vpon the knees of my heart, with all submissiue, supplications to pardon me for my long absence; for verily, I haue resolved by the fauour of the supernall powers, to spend 4. entire yeares more before my returne, and so to make it a Pilgrimage of 7. yeares, to the end I may very effectually and profitably contemplate a great part of this worldly fabricke, determining by Gods special help, to go from *India* into the countrey of *Scythia*, now called *Tartaria*, to the Cittie *Samarcanda*, to see the Sepulcher of the greatest Conqueror that euer was in the worlde, *Tamberlaine* the Great: thither it is a iourney of two months from the place I now remaine: from that I meane to return into *Persia*; and therehence by the way of *Babylon* & *Ninny*, and the Mountaine *Ararat*, where *Noahs* Arke rested, to *Aleppo*, to my Countrymen. From that, by the way of *Damascus*, and once againe to *Gaza* in the Land of the *Philistims* vnto *Cairo* in *Egypt*: From that downe the *Nilus* to *Alexandria*: and therehence finally, I hope to be imbarked for some part of Christendome, as either *Venice*, or &c. After mine arriuall in Christendome, I shall desire to trauell two yeares in *Italy*, and both high & low *Germany*, and then with all expedition into *England*, and to see you (I hope) with as great ioy as euer did any Trauailer his Father or Mother, going in that manner as I do like a poore Pilgrim. I am like to passe with vndoubted securitie, and

ry small charge: for in my tenne months trauailes betwixt *Aleppo* and this *Moguls* Court, I spent but three pounds sterling, and yet had sustenance enough to maintaine nature, liuing reasonably well, oftentimes a whole day, for so much of their money, as doeth counteruaile two pence sterling. But least I be ouer tedious vnto you, I will heere make an end.&c.

I will now commend you to the most blessed protection of our Sauour Iesus Christ; before whose holy Sepulcher at Ierusalem, I haue poured foorth mine ardent Orisons for you, to the most sacrosanct Trinity, beseeching it with all humilitie of heart, to blesse and preserue you in a solid health, &c.

Your louing Sonne,

Tho: Coryate.



To his louing Friend, Tho-
mas Coryate.

Tom Coryates Shooes hang by the Bels
At Odcomb, where that Bel-Dam dwels
who first produc't that monster:
Monster of men I may him call,
In that he is admir'd of all,
else mought he me misconster.

His head doth run the wilde-goose chace,
Swifter then horse of hunting race,
or Hare that Hound runs after:
He pickes vp wit, as Pigeons pease,
And vtters it when God doth please:
O who can hold from Laughter?

To see him in a Morning Sunne,
In his rough Lambeskin and bare gowne
the Scuttle hole ascending:
Would make a horse his halter breake,
To heare him vomit forth his Greeke,
with all the Ship contending.

On *Christmas* day he drunke in iest,
Coniur'd a storme out of the East,
in clambring vp the cradle:
Before, the winde was wondrous faire,
Now forc't to ride in Gebraltar,
withouten horse or saddle.

But Asses there a hideous band,
Thom-as discouered from the Land,
 His Booke is not without them:
 At *Toms* returne there will be sport,
 In Countrey, City, Towne, and Court,
 Those Asses round about them.

Who liues his Leaues for to vnfold,
 At his returne, I dare be bold,
 will wonders finde farre stranger,
 Then was his conflict with the Iewes,
 Or entertainment at the Stewes;
 or lying in the Manger

Amongst the horse at *Bergamo*,
 Or begging of the poore, I tro;
 these were but toyes and bables:
 Of Drums, Guns, Trumpets, he will tell,
 Of haling Ships, of Pyrats fell;
 of Tacklings, Masts, and Cables.

VVith Starboord, Larboorde, Helme, Alee,
 Full, Come no neere: 'tis done quoth he,
 who at the Helme doth stand.

War-no-more, cries an angry Mate;
 Oh *Odcombe*, these be termes of state,
 Not vsuall on the Land.

Oh learne this Tongue I thee beseech,
 For it is not beyond the reach
 of * *Leaden pated* fooles:

Because my
 Brother Cori-
 ate called the
 Sailers Lea-

den-pated Fellowes. I say, it is not beyond their reach to learne this Language:
 nor that I call him *Leaden pated*, for the world knowes he is capeable of farre
 worthier Languages: beeing now adding Italian, to his excellent Greeke and
 Latine.

A Marine Language made, I say,
Among our selues, which till this day
was neuer taught in schooles.

Confront your Academies all,
Of *Brazen-nose* and *Penbrooke* Hall,
of learned not the least:
Challenge the chiefe in our behoofe,
And make the proudest spring his loofe,
or send him South South-east.

There let vs leaue them for a time:
Now to the subiect of my rime,
Tom Tel-troth simply witty:
Neither *Tom Dingell*, nor *Tom Drum*,
Tom Foo'e, *Tom Piper*, nor *Tom Thum*,
the scorne of Towne and Citie.

But *Tom* of *Toms*, admired most;
More then a Goblin, or a Ghost,
A Phairy, or an Elfe;
VVhilst he amongst his Friends abides,
Your Gizards at your *Whitfontides*,
no merrier then himselfe.

Gizard is in
Scotch a mer-
ry Mummer,

Fryer *Tucke*, Maide *Marian*, and the rest,
You Bag-pipes loud that loodle best,
making the valleyes ring:
You and all countrey clownes giue place,
To *Odcomb* of esteemed grace,
euen vice-toy to a King.

Who for his mirth and merry glee,
Is rais'd to higher dignity,
then ere was English wight;

So

Termed a
Lout, hauing a
reference vnto
the Princes
verfes, who
held all men
guls & Louts,
that were not
Trauellers.

So honor'd since his comming out,
He must no more be tearm'd a Lout,
but styl'd a *Troian* Knight.

Where he hath writ of Toombs, of Stones,
Of Marble Pillars, dead mens bones,
with Pallaces of pleasure:
Of Gates, of Turrets, Churches, Towres,
Of Princes, Pefants, Knaues, and VVhores;
alas for time and leasure.

For to repeate, what he hath writ,
VVhilst I am in this riming fit,
plaine, simple, vnrefinde:
Of this no longer must I stay,
Be merry Mates, and lets away,
whilst weather serues, and winde.

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